

NEWS OF THE WEST.

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On Wednesday night Dan Gagnon, a fisherman from Astoria, Oregon, was brought down from Puget Sound to Astoria, Oregon, in a small skiff, with the upper portion of his legs terribly wounded and all the muscles above the knee horribly torn by a charge of gunpowder. He was taken to Mr. Stevens' hospital. Wednesday afternoon Gagnon and Nathaniel Pickornell were disputing on a whaling boat anchored off Pillar Rock about their relative merits as oarsmen. One went to another, and Gagnon slipped off the boat. The other leaped into a skiff and ran up to his comrade's house on the beach and turned with a loaded shotgun. Several oarsmen who saw his intention got Gagnon into the interior of the house, but before they could get him out and silence him he was within two feet of the muzzle and thus discharged both barrels, burning the flesh off his legs with the powder, inflicting terrible damage. Gagnon left and Pickornell at once took the gun to complete his work, when the gun was handed over the side into a flat boat and taken away by his friends. Nathaniel Smith has a warrant out for Pickornell's arrest. Gagnon is in a serious condition, and there is every probability of his dying. The boat holding, as several God-forsaken remnants of his rubber boots, tends wadding and shot, severed his legs.

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the fall term, owing to the unavoidable absence of several important witnesses.

He was a desperado, and one of the other prisoners, also a desperado, states that just before Ramirez died he told him that he had killed several men in Mexico before coming to this city. He said he was a Mexican citizen and that the circus left the men remained and concluded a game known to the Mexicans as the "tobacco game." Before the fatal night they had engaged in a game of cards, and it is believed that the game was interrupted by the arrival of Ramirez, who fought them to the jail, where they were confined for carrying on their game. After being released Ramirez swore that he would kill Garcia, and on the evening November 10th he did so. He was captured on December 1st, and was held in jail until his trial, which was delayed until the next day, when he was released.

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